BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SEVILLETA DE LA JOYA GRANT, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OWNERS IN COMMON THEREOF, *v.* BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BELEN LAND GRANT.

ERROR TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

No. 129. Argued December 22, 1916.—Decided January 22, 1917.

The Court of Private Land Claims derived all of its powers from the Act of March 3, 1891, c. 539, 26 Stat. 854.

Under that act the Court of Private Land Claims had no jurisdiction in confirming a grant and supervising its survey to extend the confirmation and boundaries over land included in another grant confirmed by Congress and patented before the passage of the act, or to alter the boundaries of such other grant as so confirmed and as described in the patent.

So *held*, where both grants were complete and perfect before the Mexican cession, and the grant confirmed by Congress was senior in time of grant.

Such jurisdiction could not be conferred on the Court of Private Land Claims by consent of the owners of the grant confirmed by Congress.

20 N. Mex. 145, affirmed.